



THE COMMITTEE ON

# WAYS & MEANS

## Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act of 2018, H.R. 5788

*Protecting Americans by Stopping the Flow of Synthetic  
Opioids in the International Mail System*

### WHAT WE'VE DONE:

- **Republicans in Congress are combating our nation's ongoing opioid crisis**
- The STOP Act **gives Customs and Border Protection (CBP) the tools to end the importation** of dangerous synthetic opioids, like fentanyl
- CBP will be able to **target high-risk international mail shipments** by the Postal Service for inspection and seizure, just as it already does for shipments by private carriers



### MEDIA HOOK:

- **Author an op-ed** in a local publication detailing the benefits of HR 5788 and the progress that will ensue due to its implementation
  - i.e.: Leader McCarthy discusses STOP Act in USA Today
  - Rep. Bishop and Sen. Rob Portman discuss STOP Act in The Detroit News
- **Live tweet a tour** from a port of entry facility in your district

### EVENT IDEAS:

- **Tour** an in-district port of entry facility to show how Advanced Electronic Data (AED) can help track and stop illegal opioids from entering the United States.
- **Hold a roundtable** with local law enforcement to discuss ways of reducing illegal fentanyl and how the STOP Act will help.
- **Facebook Live** an interview with a local patient group on how the STOP Act will prevent the influx of illegal substances into the community

### POTENTIAL OTHER BILLS TO HIGHLIGHT:

- HR 5773, "Preventing Addiction for Susceptible Seniors (PASS) Act," Rep. Peter Roskam
  - This bill encourages the use of alternative treatments, increases provider education and assists with detection of those who are at risk.

### COALITIONS SUPPORT —contact Paige Decker for more information

- UPS
- Americans for Securing All Packages
- The National Conference of State Legislatures